WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

International Research to Study Climate

1332. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NRI countries get SOS calls to save climate and India has launched International Research for Scientist to study monsoon, rising sea level and temperature; and

(b) if so, the response for the call given by Government?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Since climate change is a global issue, many countries are having collaborative programs and many institutions from India are also collaborating.

In general, there is shortage of scientists in the country in any field, including monsoon research and climate change, however, this is no SOS.

(b) Does not arise.

Earthquake Information from Meteorological Department

1333. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standard Operational Procedure which has already been made Operational at INCOIS since July, 2005 on a 24X7 basis is consistently receiving earthquake information from Meteorological Department and Japan Meteorological Agency Pacific Tsunami Centre;

(b) if so, whether any analysis of the information received since July, 2005 been made and if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) whether for monitoring potential tsunamigenic earthquakes seismic stations have been established?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information received from India Meteorological Department and other international sources is analysed and validated with real time sea level